



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Definition of marriage. Provides that marriage in Indiana consists only of the union of one man and one woman. Provides that Indiana law may not be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by a second general assembly and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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Weatherwax,
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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana by adding a new Section concerning the definition of marriage.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana, which was agreed to by the One Hundred Fourteenth
- 3 General Assembly and referred to this General Assembly for
- 4 reconsideration and agreement, is agreed to by this the One Hundred
- 5 Fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana.
- 6 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
- 7 STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW
- 8 SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 38. (a) Marriage in**
- 9 **Indiana consists only of the union of one man and one woman.**
- 10 **(b) This Constitution or any other Indiana law may not be**
- 11 **construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of**
- 12 **marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.**



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